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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/747,751	SHUR ET AL.	
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	Tammara R. Peyton	2182	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 16-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 16-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 16-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Friedman et al., (US 2006/0146820)

As per claims, 16 and 18-20, Friedman teaches a method of communicating comprising the steps of:

receiving an access request [0014-0016] from a client; (5, Fig. 12a, step 152, Fig. 11) instructing (via the traffic manager, 30, [0094-0116]) a plurality of servers (web server A, 74 and web server B, 72, Fig. 12a) to each operate a bandwidth method [Bandwidth Registry, [0118-0137] in response to receiving the access request, the bandwidth method determining available bandwidth; receiving a bandwidth indication from each of the plurality of servers; selecting an identified server in response to receiving the bandwidth indication from each of the plurality of servers; and redirecting the client to

the identified server. Friedman teaches a traffic manager 70 that is associated with a server or node within the Internet and determines whether to perform a redirect, wherein the traffic manager 70 acts as the front end for a site, such as a content provider, and redirects a user from this machine to the appropriate machine after being contacted by a user. The traffic manager 70 will require the available bandwidth of servers A and B and will perform the redirect based on which of the servers has the available bandwidth to perform that operation. (Note, pgs. 3 – 14)

As per 17, Friedman teaches that the bandwidth method further comprising; generating a train of packets from each of the plurality of servers to the client; receiving the train of packets from the client in each of the plurality of servers; and computing (via a bandwidth analyzer, Fig. 12b, [0094-0116]) bandwidth in response to generating the train of packets and in response to receiving the train of packets

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

/Tammara R Peyton/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2182

April 14, 2008